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CRITICAL COLLECTION PROBLEMS COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

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MEMORANDUM FOR: D/DCI/IC

SUBJECT:

CCPC Contribution to Annual DCI Report to the President

- 1. The Critical Collection Problems Committee (CCPC) continues to operate under DCID 2/2 with the primary goal of identifying critical collection problems in terms of major gaps in critically needed information, adequacy of current resource array to meet these gaps and adjustments or innovations in collection activity which should be implemented to improve intelligence information related to the gaps. The activities of the CCPC are directly related to the Director of Central Intelligence's Resource Management Objectives, particularly with respect to improving collection and processing. The CCPC makes recommendations to the Director of Central Intelligence on collection policy and programs which transcend the individual substantive, resource, or procedural responsibilities of other USIB Committees. It is the only USIB Committee with inter-discipline responsibilities and the responsibility for examining the collection activities and capabilities of all types of collectors and of making recommendations for their intergration and their interrelationship.
- 2. The CCPC is also contributing to DCI Resource Management Objectives in several studies which it is currently conducting as contributions to the DCI's examination of the interaction of national and tactical intelligence. The CCPC is currently updating a previous study on intelligence activity in and related to the Indian Ocean with specific reference to the Soviet presence in the area.
- 3. Because of the situation in South Korea, the CCPC is re-examining U.S. intelligence capabilities in South Korea and against North Korea. Included in this examination will be an assessment of the loss to collection in the event removal from South Korea becomes necessary. Collection alternatives available for filling the gaps resulting from removal of U.S. intelligence assets from the ROK together with the impact such action would have on the alternative resources will also be addressed. Of major significance should also be a review and assessment of collection capabilities against the Peoples Republic of China which the CCPC has been requested to undertake. The rapproachement and re-establishment of official relations

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with the PRC have impacted on intelligence requirements and activities related to the PRC. Although several ad hoc reviews of collection against the PRC have been made over the past two years, they have been undertaken more in response to political or budgetary considerations than to collection needs and have involved only single or closely allied collection discipline. Because of these considerations, it is now appropriate to re-examine overall U.S. collection activities against the PRC to determine a reasonable mix of collection capabilities which will ensure continued coverage of priority targets in that country.

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